
House Resolution No.

Whereas, just after the 1904 Louisiana Purchase Exposition, developers began to create lots for homes by the fairgrounds; and

Whereas, the first homes in the Skinker-DeBaliviere neighborhood were built in 1908, one hundred years ago; and

Whereas, the Skinker-DeBaliviere neighborhood is a historic district; and

Whereas, Skinker-DeBaliviere is the first neighborhood in City of St. Louis to become integrated racially and socioeconomically, and after concerted efforts of neighbors and institutions, has become a model of diversity and stability; and

Whereas, Washington University, St. Roch Church, Grace United Methodist Church, and Delmar Baptist Church (now New Cote Brillante Church of God) and resident groups formed the Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council in 1966 and have supported it since; and

Whereas, residents and the Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council have supported many activities to bring residents together, including the Art Fair and House Tour, Rags to Riches, Halloween Party, Christmas Walk House Tour, Dinner Theatre, National Night Out, Garden Tour, Community Garden, Dog Show, New Neighbors Parties, and Four Corners Concerts; and

Whereas, the Skinker DeBaliviere Housing Corporation has facilitated the rehabilitation of homes and the building of new homes in the neighborhood; and

Whereas, the neighborhood has communicated through the Times of Skinker DeBaliviere, St. Louis's first volunteer-run newspaper founded in 1970; and

Whereas, the neighborhood has been home to numerous citywide elected officials as well as state legislators, aldermen, and committeemen; and

Whereas, neighborhood residents continue to work to ensure both diversity and stability and will strive to continue their success in the second hundred years:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the history, goals, and accomplishments associated with Skinker-DeBaliviere and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes as they celebrate the centennial anniversary of the establishment of their historic neighborhood; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in of the Skinker-DeBaliviere neighborhood.

Offered by _____
Representative Rachel Storch
District No. 64

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. , adopted 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker